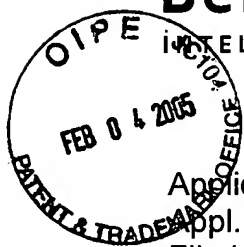


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## AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Request for Continued Examination is being filed subsequent to the Examiner's office action mailed October 6, 2004. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.